

GENERAL LAWS

OF

MINNESOTA.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE
LEGISLATURE, COMMENCING JANUARY SEVENTH, ONE THOUS-
AND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE, AND TERMINATING
MARCH SEVENTH, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEV-
ENTY-NINE.

CHAPTER 1.

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE NINE (9)
OF THE CONSTITUTION, LIMITING THE TAXING POWER
OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. The following amendment of the constitution
of the State is hereby proposed for publication, and approval
or rejection by the people, that is to say article nine (9) of the
constitution shall be amended by adding thereto a new section
which shall read as follows, to wit :

SECTION 15. The legislature shall not authorize any coun-
ty, township, city or other municipal corporation to issue bonds,
or to become indebted in any manner, to aid in the construction
or equipment of any or all railroads to any amount that
shall exceed five (5) per centum of the value of the taxable
property within such county, township, city or other municip-
al corporation. The amount of such taxable property to be
ascertained and determined by the last assessment of said
property made, for the purpose of state and county taxation,
previous to the incurring of such indebtedness.

SEC. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to
the people of the State for their approval or rejection at the

Amount of
railroad bonds
to be issued.

Taxable prop-
erty, how as-
certained.

Amendment
submitted to
the people,
when, &c.

next general election occurring after the passage of this act, and the qualified electors of the State, in their respective districts, may at such election vote by ballot for or against said amendment, and the returns thereof shall be made and certified within the time, and such votes canvassed and the result thereof declared, in the manner provided by law, with reference to election of members of congress, and if it shall appear thereupon that a majority of the electors present and voting for or against the proposed amendment to the constitution as provided in the next section have voted in favor of the same, then the Governor shall make proclamation thereof, and such amendment shall thereupon take effect and be in force as a part of the constitution.

Style of ballot.

SEC. 3. The ballot used at such election by electors voting in favor of this amendment, shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed thereupon the following words: "Limitation of the taxing power of the Legislature—Yes." The ballot used by such electors voting against said amendment shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed thereupon the following words: "Limitation of the taxing powers of the Legislature—No."

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 25, 1879.

CHAPTER 2.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION NINETY (90), TITLE FOUR (4), OF CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR (34), OF THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATING TO RELIGIOUS CORPORATIONS, BEING ARTICLE TWO (2), CHAPTER SEVENTEEN (17), STATUTES AT LARGE.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That section ninety (90), title four (4), of chapter thirty-four (34), of the general statutes relating to religious corporations, being article two (2), of chapter seventeen (17), statutes at large, be amended by adding to said section the following:

Mode of organization.

"Whenever it may be deemed advisable or desired by the bishop of any religious denomination within the State of Minnesota to have organized or created religious corporations for the purpose and with the powers hereinafter specified, he shall associate with him the vicar general of the diocese to which he, such bishop, belongs and the rector or pastor of such denomination of the place wherein any of such corporations is to be located, and the said bishop, vicar general and pastor, or a majority thereof, shall thereupon select or design-